Promotion of exports by National Small Scale Industries Corporation

*413. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Small Scale Industries Corporation have recently taken some steps like participation in various types of exhibitions held in foreign countries etc. to promote export by small scale industries, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what are the names of such industries receiving such assistance from the National Small Scale Industries Corporation; and

(c) what are the names of foreign buyers/organisations enlisted identified by the National Small Scale Industries Corporation separately for Indian products particularly Aluminium utensils with estimated export requisite?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) National Small Scale Industries Corporation (NSIC) is assisting small scale units in exporting their products in the world markets since 1969-70. For this purpose the Corporation participates in international exhibitions, trade, fairs and buyer-seller meets. Besides participation in the overseas exhibitions, follow-up visits are also organised keeping in view the business potential.

As a policy, Corporation is providing assistance to small scale units from all over the country in exporting their products. Under this scheme, Corporation selects units, provides them all the inputs and makes them capable of handling exports independently. When the units develop their capabilities another lot of fresh units are picked up for assistance under this scheme. This is a graduation process adopted by the Corporation on continuing basis.

There is a potential for export of aluminum utensils and buyers are being identified for starting exports of these products. Since the work is at initial stapes of identification and negotiations etc., it will not be possible to quantify the details at this juncture.

अखबारी कागज की आयात प्रणाली में परिवर्तन

*414. डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अखबारी कागज उद्योग लम्बे समय से अखबारी कागज की वर्तमान आयात प्रणाली में परिवर्तन करने की मांग करता रहा है और यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने वर्ष 1991-92 के लिए अखबारी कागज आवंटित करने की नई नीति की घोषणा करते समय इस सुझाव पर विचार किया था ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार आयातित अखबारी कागज की मांग को पूरा करने की स्थिति में है और क्या भविष्य भी वह ऐसा कर पाएगी ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) अखबारी कागज उद्योग ने अखबारी कागज आयात नीति में उपयुक्त सुरक्षा उपाय किए जाने के लिए अभ्यावेदन दिया है ताकि देसी उद्योग को इस नीति के प्रतिकूल प्रभाव से बचाया जा सके । अखबारी कागज की आयात व्यवस्था का निर्धारण अखबारी कागज आवंटन नीति द्वारा नहीं किया जाता ।

(ख) यह समय-समय पर विदेशी मुद्रा की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करता है ।